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Dear Professor Lederberg,

Thank you for your letter of 9th March. I was very glad to meet you and your wife in London. After leaving Ann Arbor I thought I had better head off for Pasadena to try to get some work done in Professor [redacted]'s laboratory in the short time available.

Under separate cover I am sending you three reprints which should help you to keep in touch with my work on the genetics of sickle-cell disease.* I have suggested to the people in East and West Africa that it would be worth while looking for abnormal haemoglobins in the blood of [redacted], some of which are parasitized by severe forms of plasmodia. [redacted] are also [redacted] mammals parasitized by *P. bergi*. [redacted] investigations are being undertaken in [redacted] animals are destroyed and the [redacted] neutralization tests. It may be [redacted] to obtain permission from the government departments concerned to kill a large number of primates. In any case, the local people are aware of the problem and have the facilities to undertake screening tests. I doubt whether an expedition from abroad is justified at this stage.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony L. Allison.

* I shall place your name on my mailing list, and hope that you will reciprocate this by sending me your publications.

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